



MICHIGAN
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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Wendy Block, Michigan Chamber

Date: May 12, 2020

Subject: MI Chamber Supports SB 899, Liability Protections for COVID-19 Health Care Workers

This memorandum is to express the Michigan Chamber's support for SB 899, liability protections for health care workers doing their best to help patients battle COVID-19.

Health care providers must make difficult decisions when a pandemic threatens to overwhelm facilities, staff and medical equipment. Doctors and hospitals may need to exercise greater caution in admitting patients that do not appear to have an immediate medical need, discharge patients earlier than usual to open beds for coronavirus patients, postpone elective procedures, and make hard decisions regarding allocation of limited resources, such as ventilators.

The last thing our first responders should be worried about is whether a medically based decision will result in a lawsuit. SB 899 would ensure that Michigan health care workers have the necessary legal protections to enable them to focus their time and energy on providing the best care possible for patients battling the coronavirus.

We encourage your support for SB 899. Please contact me with any questions about the Chamber's position at wblock@michamber.com or 517/927-5135 (cell).